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MEMORANDUM

TO: Story County Planning and Zoning Commission
FROM: Jerry L. Moore, Planning and Development Director
RE: Update on Board of Supervisors action, Resolution No. 20-64 support for Ames Urban Fringe Plan, Extension, and Interest to Work with Jurisdictions to Amend AUPF
MEETING DATE: March 4, 2020

Background:

At their February 18, 2020 meeting, in accordance with a Story County Planning and Development Department Work Program item, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution No. 20-64 addressing their support for the Ames Urban Fringe Plan (AUPF), extending the deadline in the 28E agreement, working with Ames and Gilbert to amend the AUPF, and a review and discussion schedule involving the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

The AUPF is a land use and development plan between Ames, Gilbert and Story County adopted in July 2006 and it was accompanied by a 28E Agreement on July 11, 2011. From review of County records, it appears much of the initial drafting of the AUPF was between Ames and Story County Planning Staff with the assistance of input from the general public and persons representing the agricultural, environmental, neighborhoods, governmental/institutional, development and economic communities, including input, direction and action from the Planning and Zoning Commissions, City Councils and the Board of Supervisors.

The reason for the Board of Supervisors to consider the process to amend the AUPF now and to support the above resolution is, the AUPF expires July 11, 2021, the City of Ames is currently working on a new 2040 Comprehensive Plan that may include growth plans within the AUPF area with tentative adoption in late spring 2020, and extending the current AUPF will allow time for each jurisdiction to work together to amend the AUPF.

Review and Discussion Schedule

Based on discussions Planning and Development staff had with other jurisdiction staff, there is interest in working with the County to extend and discuss future amendments to the AUPF. The details of how each jurisdiction can work together on amending the Plan have not been discussed with other jurisdiction staff. While the details of the review and input process will need to be discussed with the other jurisdictions, Planning and Development staff supports a process that involves a combination of input from the Story County Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Supervisors, general public, collaboration with jurisdiction staff, their Planning and Zoning Commissions and City Councils of the jurisdictions. Also, it will likely be most productive



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and effective to organize the public input portion of the process when the County starts working with the other jurisdictions to amend the AUPF.

To begin the process and further explore the County's consideration of the current AUPF, the Board of Supervisors supported the following review and discussion schedule.

April 1, 2020 – Story County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. First meeting to learn about current AUPF components, go over March 26, 2019 letter from Board of Supervisors to City of Ames identifying key areas of primary importance, discuss other possible key areas, and strengths and weaknesses of the current AUPF.

April 14, 2020 – Board of Supervisors meeting. Learn about current AUPF components, go over March 26, 2019 letter from Board of Supervisors to City of Ames identifying key areas of primary importance, discuss other possible key areas, and strengths and weaknesses of the AUPF. Also, consider Planning and Zoning Commission's responses to key areas, and strengths and weaknesses of the AUPF.

May 6, 2020 – Joint meeting between Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors to discuss details of the key areas of primary importance, and strengths and weaknesses of current AUPF, and consider ideas for the public input process. Also, request Planning and Development staff to prepare a draft letter for jurisdictions identifying details of the key areas of primary importance to Story County needing improvement or change in the amended AUPF, and share ideas on a public input process.

Recommendation:

This is an update and discussion item from the 2020 Work Program. Planning and Development Department staff will update the Planning and Zoning Commission about resolution No. 20-64, the March 26, 2019 letter from the Board of Supervisors addressing key areas of primary importance, and obtain input on the review and discussion schedule.



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